THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply and Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order, 1998 deals with only MS and HSD, whereas, Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG), 2001 approved by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on 12-04-2001 covers malpractices not only concerning MS/HSD but also various other petroleum products by dealers.

The definition of malpractices given in the MS/HSD Control Order covers 9 irregularities relating to MS and HSD. However, in the MDG there are 8 major irregularities and 13 minor irregularities, including those pertaining to Lubricants, Kerosene, Free Air, Drinking Water, Discourteous Behaviour, Issue of Fake Pollution Under Control (PUC) Certificates etc.

(b) and (c) Oil Companies do not require Orders from the Government for taking punitive action against erring dealers under MDG.

Reconstitution of Dealerships

3951. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had directed the oil corporations to allow the dealers to reconstitute their dealerships as per policy to avoid the operation of benami dealership;

(b) whether HPC is not giving permission to their SKO/LDO dealers specially belonging to old ladies to reconstitute their dealerships; and

(c) if so, what action is proposed to be taken against the officers responsible for the delay in grant of such permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) to (c) The Government have delegated the powers for reconstitution of retail outlet dealerships, LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships, subject to certain norms, to the Oil Marketing Companies. However, as per the existing policy, the deserving cases which are not strictly covered under the guidelines, may be referred by the Oil Companies to the Government for decision. A decision is taken on the merits of each case. All the Oil Marketing Companies follow the guidelines for reconstitution of dealerships/distributorships issued by the Government.